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LIFESTYLE COLUMNISTS

Going digital with Overdrive & Hoopla



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Have you heard about Overdrive and Hoopla yet? Abilene Public Library is proud to offer you free downloadable e-books and audiobooks available via our website, www.abilenetx.com/apl. Just as you can check out a physical book as a current resident of Abilene or Taylor County with a valid library card, you can also download a free e-book for two weeks at a time. A link and general how-to information can be found at our website.

For hands-on help, we're offering a new class during the month of

October every Friday morning from 9-11 a.m. at the Mockingbird Branch. "Overdrive for E-books" is one-on-one sessions geared toward those needing basic hands-on help in navigating our website. We'll help you successfully download e-books, audiobooks, music or movies to one of the three primary e-reading devices: Kindles, iPads or tablets. For more information on these free classes, phone the Mockingbird Branch at 325-437-7323.

Your Abilene Public Library also has a wonderful collection of books to help you navigate the finer points of an e-device. Each book covers the settings, menu options and formats for your device with helpful step-by-step pictures. Additional how-to content within each manual includes purchasing apps, accessing the web, playing digital music, and streaming video as well.

If you have a Kindle, you might want to look at "Kindle Fire Geekery" by Guy Hart-Davis; "Kindle Touch for Dummies" by Leslie Nicoll or "My Kindle Fire HD" by Jim Cheshire. For Nooks, try "The Nook Book: an Unofficial Guide" by Patrick Kanouse, "Nook HD for Dummies" by Corry Sandler or "Nook HD the Missing Manual" by Preston Gralla.

If you have an iPad, we have "My iPad 2" by Gary Rozenweig, "iPad in Easy Steps" by Drew Provan, or "iPad for Seniors" by Nancy Muir. For other tablets, look at "Samsung Galaxy Tab for Seniors" by Visual Steps or "Samsung Galaxy Tab for Dummies" by Dan Gookin. Other resources include "Android Phones and Tablets" by Guy Hart-Davis, "Android Tablets for Dummies" by Dan Gookin or perhaps "My Windows 10 Tablet" by Jim Cheshire.

Again, our new class during the month of October will be every Friday morning from 9-11 a.m. at the Mockingbird Branch. "The Main Library also offers "Book-a-Librarian" sessions for one-on-one help with devices and a number of other topics.

In any case, please give us a call at 325-437-7323 if you have

questions. We are happy to offer this service, and hope you will take advantage of our classes, books and other resources.

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